



**2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020
WORLD SHOOTING PARA SPORT
WORLD CUPS**

SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The World Shooting Para Sport (**WSPS**) World Cups and Grand Prix's (**WCs**) are international competitions conducted according to WSPS rules.
- b) The WSPS conducts WCs each year with the venues and dates of these events outlined on the WSPS website at <https://www.paralympic.org/shooting/rules-and-regulations/technical-rules> or alternatively can be found on the Shooting Australia website at <http://www.shootingaustralia.org/calendar/>.
- c) Shooting Australia (**SA**) may select athletes (see Clause 5) to the team (**Team**) to participate in one or more of the WCs. SA is under no obligation to select the maximum number of athletes for any event or any of the WCs.
- d) This Selection Criteria (**Selection Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the selection of athletes to the Team to represent Australia at each of the WCs. For the avoidance of doubt, each selection of the Team for each WC is an independent event and selection of any athlete to the Team for one WC has no bearing on selection of the Team for any other WC.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) SA's main objectives when selecting the Team for each WC are to:
 - (i) Maximise the number of medals that SA can win in benchmark events including (but not limited to) the 2018 World Championships, and the 2020 Paralympic Games; and
 - (ii) Use these benchmark events and other WSPS events to provide elite and pre-elite athletes with exposure to high-quality international competition that will help to accelerate their development for 2020 and beyond.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objectives outlined above are to provide context to the Selection Criteria only and in no way impact on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel or the exercise of discretion (if any) by the SA Selection Panel.

3. SA SELECTION PANEL

- a) The SA Selection Panel will be made up of the SA (discipline) National Coach, the relevant SA Member Body's High Performance Committee Representative and the SA General Manager, High Performance (**SA Selection Panel**).
- b) The SA Selection Panel will select the Team according to the terms of this Selection Criteria.

4. EVENTS

a) The SA Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for the following events at the WCs:

Event	Discipline	Gender	Class
R1	10m Air rifle standing	Men	SH1
R2	10m Air rifle standing	Women	SH1
R3	10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH1
R4	10m Air rifle standing	Mixed	SH2
R5	10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH2
R6	50m Rifle prone	Mixed	SH1
R7	50m Rifle 3 positions	Men	SH1
R8	50m Rifle 3 positions	Women	SH1
R9	50m Rifle prone	Mixed	SH2
FTR1	Falling Targets Rifle	Mixed	SH1
FTR2	Falling Targets Rifle	Mixed	SH2
P1	10m Air pistol	Men	SH1
P2	10m Air pistol	Women	SH1
P3	25m Pistol	Mixed	SH1
P4	50m Pistol	Mixed	SH1
P5	10m Air Pistol Standard	Mixed	SH1
FTP	Falling Targets Pistol	Mixed	SH1

- b) In the event that there are any additional events at a WC, the SA Selection Panel, at its absolute discretion, may select athletes to compete in any other Event at that WC in accordance with clause 7.

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) Up to four (4) athletes may be selected for the main draw per event to the Team for each WC by the SA Selection Panel. Neither this Selection Criteria, nor SA or WSPS require SA to select the maximum number of athletes to the Team for any WC. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to automatic selection of A4G squad members under clause **Error! Reference source not found.**, nothing in this Selection Criteria operates so as to require the SA Selection Panel to exercise any discretion to select any athletes to the Team or fill all available positions on the Team, and the final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the SA Selection Panel.
- b) Subject to confirmation from the local organising committee for a WC, SA may select an additional two (2) athletes into the MQS draw (**MQS Athletes**). The selected MQS Athletes are eligible to compete in that WC but are ineligible to make the final at that WC. SA is under no obligation to select MQS Athletes.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) In order to be eligible for selection to the Team for any WC an athlete must be:
- (iii) A registered financial member of a SA Member Body;
 - (iv) Eligible to compete for Australia in shooting events in future Paralympic and World Championships;
 - (v) Meet all eligibility requirements imposed by WSPS; and
 - (vi) Must sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per Clause 10 'Team Membership'.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Athletes selected to the Team to compete in the main draw of a WC will be selected according to the following process:

2017 World Cup/s (2017 WCs)

- (i) Aiming4Gold (**A4G**) Squad Members may be selected to the Team to compete in any of the 2017 WCs as negotiated in their Individual Performance Plan (**IPP**) at the discretion of the SA Selection Panel. Without in any way limiting the discretion of

the SA Selection Panel, when selecting A4G Squad Members for the 2017 WCs, the SA Selection Panel may consider any of the following factors (the **Factors**):

- A. International podium performances since 1st January 2016;
 - B. international qualifying and finals performances since 1st January 2016;
 - C. international head-to-head performances since 1st January 2016;
 - D. all domestic performances since 1st January 2016 including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances;
 - E. commitment to training and preparation for competition;
 - F. form and performance trends of the athletes;
 - G. achievement of the BMS for the relevant event;
 - H. regular access to an appropriate high-performance daily training environment;
 - I. commitment to a national coach-directed plan of domestic and international competition;
 - J. a demonstrated commitment to maintaining highest levels of personal excellence; or
 - K. any other factors the SA Selection Panel considers relevant.
- (ii) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(a)(i) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).
- (iii) If, after selections are made in accordance with clause 7(a)(i) (if any) there are still positions available on the Team, then the SA Selection Panel may select any non-A4G athlete that has achieved the Benchmark Score-2 (**BMS-2**) for that relevant event (see clause 8 Benchmark Scores) in an SA endorsed competition on or after the 1st January 2016 (the **Performance Window**) at its absolute discretion. When

making its selection under this clause, the SA Selection Panel has discretion to consider the Factors listed at clause 7(a)(i) above and the same considerations set out at clause 7(a)(ii) apply to the exercise of discretion by the SA Selection Panel under this clause.

2018 World Cup/s (2018 WCs)

- (iv) A4G Squad Members will be selected to the Team to compete in any of the 2018 WCs as negotiated in their IPP at the discretion of the SA Selection Panel. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the SA Selection Panel, when selecting A4G Squad Members for the 2018 WCs, the SA Selection Panel may consider the Factors (and when considering the Factors for selection for the 2018 WCs, any reference to "2016" is to be replaced with a reference to "2017").
- (v) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(a)(iv) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).
- (vi) If, after selections are made under clause 7(a)(iv) (if any) there are still positions available on the Team, then the SA Selection Panel may select any non-A4G athlete that has achieved the Benchmark Score -1 (**BMS-1**) for that relevant event (see clause 8 Benchmark Scores) in an SA endorsed competition that occurred at a date after the last WC Event for that discipline in 2017 (the **Performance Window**) at its absolute discretion. When making its selection under this clause, the SA Selection Panel has discretion to consider the Factors listed at clause 7(a)(i) above and the same considerations set out at clause 7(a)(v) apply to the exercise of discretion by the SA Selection Panel under this clause.

2019 World Cup/s (2019 WCs)

- (vii) A4G Squad Members will be selected to the Team to compete in any of the 2019 WCs as negotiated in their IPP at the discretion of the SA Selection Panel. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the SA Selection Panel, when selecting A4G Squad Members for the 2019 WCs, the SA Selection Panel may consider the Factors (and when considering the Factors for selection for the 2019 WCs, any reference to "2016" is to be replaced with a reference to "2018").

- (viii) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(a)(vii) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).
- (ix) If, after selections are made under clause 7(a)(vii) (if any) there are still positions available on the Team, then the SA Selection Panel may select any non-A4G athlete that has achieved the Benchmark Score (**BMS**) for that relevant event (see clause 8 Benchmark Scores) in an SA endorsed competition that occurred at a date after the last WC Event for that discipline in 2018 (the **Performance Window**) at its absolute discretion. When making its selection under this clause, the SA Selection Panel has discretion to consider the Factors listed at clause 7(a)(i) above and the same considerations set out at clause 7(a)(viii) apply to the exercise of discretion by the SA Selection Panel under this clause.

2020 World Cup/s (2020 WCs)

- (x) A4G Squad Members will be selected to the Team to compete in any of the 2020 WCs as negotiated in their IPP at the discretion of the SA Selection Panel. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the SA Selection Panel, when selecting A4G Squad Members for the 2020 WCs, the SA Selection Panel may consider the Factors (and when considering the Factors for selection for the 2020 WCs, any reference to "2016" is to be replaced with a reference to "2019").
- (xi) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(a)(x) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

- (xii) If, after selections are made under clause 7(a)(x) (if any) there are still positions available on the Team, then the SA Selection Panel may consider selecting to the Team for any 2020 WCs any athlete who have been chosen to represent Australia at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games for the relevant discipline or event.

- b) For the purposes of Clause 7(a)(iii), 7(a)(vi) and 7(a)(ix) the number of WCs that each athlete is eligible to be selected in the Team is determined by the number of times they achieved the required BMS-2, BMS-1 or BMS during the relevant Performance Window. For example, if the relevant BMS-2, BMS-1 or BMS is achieved once during the Performance Window, that athlete is eligible for selection to the Team for one WC, if the relevant BMS-2, BMS-1 or BMS is achieved twice during the Performance Window, that athlete is eligible for selection to the Team for two WCs, etc. subject to team vacancies as detailed under Clause 7.

- c) For the purposes of Clause 7(a)(iii), 7(a)(vi) and 7(a)(ix) the Performance Window ends on the date that is 45 days prior to the official arrival day of that WC. Should an athlete achieve the required BMS-2, BMS-1 or BMS within 45 days of the official arrival day for a WC, they are not eligible to be selected to the Team for that WC but are eligible to be selected for the following WC, subject to this Selection Criteria.

- d) For the purposes of Clause 7(a)(iii), 7(a)(vi) and 7(a)(ix) if there are more eligible non-A4G athletes who have achieved the relevant BMS-2, BMS-1 or BMS than positions available on the Team, the SA Selection Panel will at its sole and absolute discretion select the athletes to the Team from amongst all eligible athletes who have achieved the relevant BMS-2, BMS-1 or BMS. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

Selection of MQS Athletes for any WC

- e) MQS Athletes for a WC are to be selected from amongst all eligible athletes (either A4G or non-A4G) who were not selected to the Team for the main draw of the relevant WC in accordance with the above process provided at clauses 7(a). In exercising its discretion when selecting MQS Athletes, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the

avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

8. BENCHMARK SCORES

- a) The applicable BMS-2, BMS-1 and BMS for each event is, subject to clause 8(c), as follows:

EVENTS		BMS-2	BMS-1		BMS	
			Before 1 Feb. 2018	After 1 Feb. 2018	Before 1 Feb. 2018	After 1 Feb. 2018
R1	SH1 – Air Standing (M)	612	613	613	614	614
R2	SH1 – Air Standing (W)	401	402	603	403	604
R3	SH1 – Air Prone (Mix)	628	629	629	630	630
R4	SH2 – Air Standing (Mix)	627	628	628	629	629
R5	SH2 – Air Prone (Mix)	631	632	632	633	633
R6	SH1 – 0.22 Prone (Mix)	612	613	613	614	614
R7	SH1 – 3 Position (M)	1136	1137	1137	1138	1138
R8	SH1 – 3 Position (W)	551	552	1105	553	1106
P1	SH1 – Air Pistol (M)	556	557	557	558	558
P2	SH1 – Air Pistol (W)	362	363	363	364	364
P3	SH1 – 25m Pistol (Mix)	560	561	561	562	562
P4	SH1 – 50m Pistol (Mix)	523	524	524	525	525

- b) A review of the BMS-2, BMS-1 and BMS will occur post the World Championships in 2018 and if required this will be amended in accordance with clause 13.
- c) To be a valid score considered towards selection in the Team for a WC, the above scores must be achieved by the athlete at an SA Endorsed Event. An SA Endorsed Event is an event that appears on the SA Calendar that is labelled as “SA Endorsed”. The Calendar can be found at <http://www.shootingaustralia.org/calendar/>

9. APPEALS PROCESS

- a) Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the SA Appeals Process, a copy of which may be downloaded from the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org or obtained by request from the SA office.

10. TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- b) Athletes selected to the Team are required to sign and abide by the SA Athlete

Agreement to confirm their selection and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions and any such reasonable conditions as published from time to time.

- c) Acceptance of a position on a team for non-A4G Squad athletes must be made within seven days of notification. This position will be confirmed once SA has received a signed SA Athlete Agreement.
- d) In all cases, continuing membership of the Team is dependent on the athlete demonstrating to the relevant SA National Coach that they are maintaining a suitable training regime and where deemed necessary, attending such camps as determined by the SA National Coach. Athletes agree that the SA Selection Panel may remove an athlete from the Team where:
 - (i) that athlete has not met SA's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as required by SA; or
 - (ii) that athlete has not completed, signed and returned to SA the Team Agreement as required by SA.
- e) Any incident or act related to doping in breach of the relevant policies or any incident that could bring the sport into disrepute will result in the immediate withdrawal of the athlete(s) from the Team. In addition, these athletes may be subject to suspension pending an investigation and the outcome of any subsequent appeal
- f) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from the Team for any WCs where a need is clearly established. The SA General Manager, High Performance must approve such changes. Examples of where this may be necessary are, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Injury/Illness;
 - (ii) Bereavement leave/personal matters;
 - (iii) Discipline – Breach of Athlete Agreement; or
 - (iv) Team harmony and balance.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT

- a) The Team for each WC will be announced via the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org at the conclusion of the applicable Performance Window.
- b) The Team will be announced 45 days, from the Official Arrival Day for each WC, or the next working day from that date.

12. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the relevant organising committee for each WC will be co-ordinated through SA. Subject to any funding provided by SA, athletes will be required to bear the cost of participation in the Team for that WC (**Participation Costs**), which will be advised to the athletes and are to be paid to SA in accordance with clause 12(**Error! Reference source not found.**
- b) The Participation Costs include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Entry fees;
 - (ii) Travel;
 - (iii) Accommodation;
 - (iv) Ammunition for competition and unofficial training (shotgun);
 - (v) Unofficial Training costs; and
 - (vi) Meal allowance through a daily per diem at a rate stipulated by SA.
- c) SA may choose to provide funding to certain athletes in the Team to offset the Participation Costs, subject to the availability of funds and at the total discretion of the National Coach, SA will determine the level of funding provided to each athlete on a case-by-case basis. In the cases of the athletes who receive funding from SA, the funding will be provided in a reduction of their Participation Costs payable to SA. SA is under no obligation to invest in athletes equally.
- d) Non-A4G Squad athletes selected to the Team to compete in any WC will not receive funding from SA and must pay the Participation Costs for a WC in full in order to participate in that WC.
- e) All payments of the Participation Costs to SA by an athlete for a WC must be paid in full to SA 7 days prior to that WC.

13. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Selection Criteria from time to time. If amended, the amended Selection Criteria will be distributed as follows:
 - (i) Posted on the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org; and
 - (ii) Distributed to members of SA's A4G Squad.
- b) Any amendments to the Selection Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication



by SA.